

Within My Lady's Manor NR Historic District

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

MAG-1# 03-8975204

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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| 1. NAME | | | | | |
| COMMON: Sparks-Ness House BCHS #897 | | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Northeast side Corbett Rd., 0.1 mile east of Little Falls Rd. | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Monkton | | | | | |
| STATE Maryland | | | COUNTY: Baltimore | | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) | | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ness | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Corbett Rd. | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Monkton | | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Baltimore County Courthouse | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Towson | | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Bk. #4313, p. 161 | | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historic Sites Inventory, Baltimore County | | | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | | STATE: | | |

| 7. DESCRIPTION | | | | | | |
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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE | | | | | | |
| <p>The Sparks-Ness House is of three major sections: to the right or east end is a three bay, one and one-half storey stone section, measuring about 25 feet long by 16 feet deep, to the left or west is a three bay, two and one-half storey wood section, measuring about 21'-8" long by 13'-6" deep with a (conjectured) additional 12'-2" extension to the rear; and further to the west is a two bay, two and one-half storey wood section measuring about 17'-10" long by 16'-8" deep. All roofs are late 19th century Mansard types, with modern wood shakes on the fronts, but with the original "fancy-butt" shingles on the rear slopes. Dormers are ornamented in the Queen Anne mode, and have one, two or three windows. A small frame one storey flat roofed addition is at the extreme east end, and a small chamber or closet cantileveres at the second floor level within the northwest rear corner, above a bold Queen Anne style egee solid bracket.</p> <p>A slight bulge or irregularity in the south front wall of the wood sections suggests that the second storey may have been added to an earlier first storey. First storey walls of the middle section are thicker than those of the second storey, suggesting that they may be of log construction. The stone section appears to have no fourth (west) wall, suggesting that it was added to an existing structure; interior surfaces of the walls are flush, thus accounting for the stone sections appearing to extend forward of the adjacent wood section. The westerly wing appears to be built against the middle section, without its own east wall. (It does have a cellar east wall, however.)</p> <p>All finishes and trimwork date from the late 19th or early 20th century. Windows are 2/2, with louvred blinds. The staircase is a good example of the Queen Anne or Romanesque-revival style, with chestnut paneling, a turned newel extending clear to the ceiling and turned balusters.</p> <p>The stone wing is one room in each storey, and the middle section includes an entrance hall on the west side, with a staircase in the separately-structured extension to the north; east of the entrance hall is one room, and east of the stairhall is another small room. Log floor joists, visible from the cellar, are under both portions, but they are not continuous; the supporting girder and fragments of stonework beneath suggest that the northerly 12 feet were added to an earlier structure.</p> <p>The westerly wing, also but one room on each floor, has log first floor joists, and it is the only section with a true cellar, with four complete walls. A portion beneath the middle section was excavated more recently for the furnace and a passage to the stair. The foundation walls for the middle portion may be seen beside the west cellar's east wall, extending slightly below grade. No crawl space is visible beneath the stone portion of this house.</p> <p>A small stove chimney rises from the middle section, slightly west of its easterly limits; the rooms within the stone wing extend to this chimney, and are not coincidental with external construction.</p> <p>Although the house has been obvious massive change, both inside and out, evidence of earlier construction is apparent. An exact sequence cannot be determined positively, but superficial examination suggests</p> | | | | | | |

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasaphy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Local history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sparks-Ness House is another interesting old house of multiple vintages and construction.

This house is on lot 58 which was obtained in the original auction sale by Jacob Norris (-1) A deed for this property was issued in 1785 to Jacob Norris for 138 acres. (-2) In 1796 Norris sold the property to Thomas Sparks. (-3)

In the 1798 Direct Federal Tax Assessment this property appears in the name of Thomas Sparks. Two structures are listed, a frame house 18 by 20 and a log structure 12 by 16 (the nature of the building cannot be made out on the record.)

Thomas Sparks died in 1815 as did his wife, Rachel Perdue. The property was then bought by Walter Perdue, Rachel's brother and was given to Walter's son, Laban Perdue. In the 1823 Tax Assessment of District 5 of Baltimore County, the property appears under the name of Laban Perdue and the house in that assessment is valued at \$80.00 This may represent the middle probably log section and the small stone section to the east end. In 1844 this entire property was sold to Caleb Hunt. (-4)

The fact that this structure is not illustrated on the 1850 map of Baltimore County is not unusual. There are a number of other houses whose existence prior to 1850 is easily documented that do not appear on this map.

References:

1. Salebook of Confiscated British Property 1781-85, pp 55-56
2. Liber WG#X folio 404
3. Liber WG#YY folio 126
4. Liber TK#339 folio 506

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 24 acres

Acreage Justification:

Acreage owned by present resident comprises farm and is adequate to insure preservation of immediate environment.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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| NAME AND TITLE: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D. | | DATE: January 1975 |
| ORGANIZATION: My Lady's Manor Association | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 1, Box 42 | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Monkton | STATE: Maryland | |

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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7. Description (cont.)

that the first storey of the middle section -- probably excluding the northerly 12 feet -- was the first to be built, perhaps of logs. It may have had a massive external chimney at its east end. The stone wing was added to this structure, without a west wall. The northerly extension of the middle section, and the west wing, with its cellar, were all added, but no sequence among these two wood portions, and the stone portion, is suggested. In the very late 19th century, probably when most of the other changes were being made, the old chimney was removed from the middle portion, and the room within the stone wing was then extended westerly to the original interior face of the chimney, at that time replaced with a small stove chimney serving both rooms.

A stone spring house, about 16 by 25 feet, stands southeast of the house. All wood framing has been replaced recently, so no determination of age could be made.

No original nails are visible, and information regarding this property and the 1798 Federal Direct Tax was not available.

James T. Wellen, Jr.

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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| COUNTY Baltimore | |
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| 3. MAP REFERENCE | | | |
| SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland | | | |
| SCALE: 1:24,000 | | | |
| DATE: 1957 | | | |
| 4. REQUIREMENTS | | | |
| TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS | | | |
| 1. Property boundaries where required. | | | |
| 2. North arrow. | | | |
| 3. Latitude and longitude reference. | | | |

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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| 3. PHOTO REFERENCE | | | |
| PHOTO CREDIT: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D. | | | |
| DATE OF PHOTO: January 1975 | | | |
| NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust 21 State Circle, Annapolis, Md. | | | |
| 4. IDENTIFICATION | | | |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. South (front) Facade | | | |

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SPARKS - NESS HOUSE